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TO THE RIGHT
Honourable, my very good
LORD, *WILLIAM* Earle of
SALISBURY, One of the LORDS of his
Majesties most honorable privy Councell,
and Knight of the most Noble Order
of the GARTER.

 Hereas the manage of
a real war, is now fa-
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Tract, the premises
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Musters and *Militia* stil left at
large, without any Paraphrase :
my neare and usuall privitie with
them both thus imposing; I have
here propounded for some such
temper, as might render each to
be faire and flourishing : Neither

The Epistle Dedicatory.

can it bee presented with more propriety, then to the master-wheel, from whose course and influence, my subordinate motion hath succeeded. And may your Lordship deigne it a favourable regard; I dare be bold (how defective perhaps in severall particulars) it shall yet induce so much discourse, and contemplation, as by hammering out infallible rules, may requisitely mature both. Finally, your gracious acceptation, of so meane a piece; will, beyond the many favours formerly collated, stil lay a further obligation, upon

Your Lordships ever
bounden Servant,

GEORGE TOOKE.



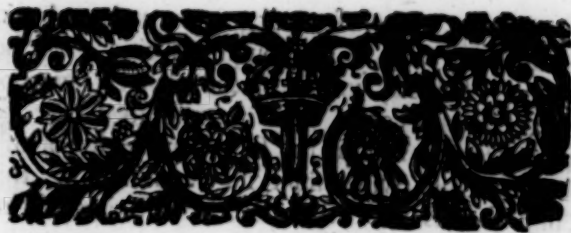
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MY *W^t* I give many
thanks, if he please
to take me fairly, nei-
ther are all the sub-
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for principles and infallible ; but as
in some of them I dare be confident:
There is yet another sort, only to pro-
voke our serious Criticks, pro and
con, till the perfection may be right-
ly stated. And by presenting this
Modell, by indeavouring to raise a
bridge, where thou hast so long gon
through

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through the water, me thinks should rather ingratiate, then any whit dis-affect or run into construction. O but the Souldier has like his pike, been here so plaine enough, speaking out so lowd and roundly, that it must needs be the kindler of much heate, of many dangerous coales; but then againe, a light hand makes a lamentable soare, and the fate of war like that of marriage, is as uncertaine at the first, as afterwards unalterable, and withall of such importance, that I had rather suffer under construction; detraction, and the calumnie of double diligence, then the guilt of a tardie partial information.

G. T.



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Mickle-VVorth.

How dearly does the quick and swee
ayre ingratiate this place *Mille-Toyle*:
the Northerne winde being broken
and mittigated by yonder lofty hills,
and *Favonius* freely strewing it with
his delicious buds and aglets?

Mille-Toyle. Why, thence succeeds his appella-
tion, *nampe à fovendo*, of brooding and burnishing; ^a The site of
and indeed this precinct of (*a*) *Purpoole* is one of *Graves Lane* is
his cheife Master-pieces; having also the nature, ^{originally thus}
the perpolitenesse of it both demonstrated in the ^{named.}
name, and justified (as you say) in the remarke-
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able tincture, of these severall gemmes and pendants.

Mickle-VVorth. I, I, though our citie *Flora* be familiarly sadded, with a blacke cobweb-lawne of smoake and sea-coale; yet is shee polished here and under a serener zenith, the faire complexion of this obvious Rose will instant it, and behold this Tulip seemes also to be lined with so rich a satin, as imposes an extraordinary estimate.

Penny-VVise. But may then our serious *Mickle-worth*, be with this garden hypocrite, this gaudy peice of outside, thus affectionately transported?

Mille-Toyle. Indeed the noblest flowers have both colour, smel and taste; thus the premised Rose, with also the Violet, and Iuli-flower, minister each of them to the smel, the sight, and the palate; yet while yeelding these for such superlatives, the Tulip also cannot be denied his single share, his positive beauty.

Mickle-VVorth. True *Mille-Toyle*, the detraction of others must not stagger our justice; besides, who can thinke that nature should prepare so delicate a lodging, without some proportionable incumbent?

Penny-W. O Sir, excuse me, these supposes hold so little water, that till further information, I for my owne particular, shall rather side with a sage lease, or a good pot-herbe.

Mickle-W. Let each one have his due *Penny-wife*, and then upon comparison and competition, who but will easily condescend, and preferre profit to pleasure; a bed of Confound and Milfoile before,

before a border of Daffadillies, or the sweetest
strewing herbs?

Penny-Wife. And these, perhaps are but phari-
saicall boasters also; may they not be rende-
red by some other names more usuall amongst
us?

Mickle Worth. These, Sir, are such as will performe
beyond their profession; pay more then they pro-
mise: the first (if I be not deceived) is also
called Blind-nettle, All-heale, and then Wound-
wort, by which name some Masters will espec-
ially celebrate it. The second is so denominated
from the Latin, and his innumerable leaves, be-
ing vulgarly (a) Yarrow, or Nose-bleed, and
the peculiar plant of Mars. These (I say) are no
effeminate delices but truly reall: the balme of
wounds; the hope, the helpe of Souldiers.

a *Stratiotes*, or
folium militare
as healing all
wounds made
with yron.

Penny-Wife. I conceive you Sir, subscribing like-
wise to their efficacy; they may be good leaches
for the trespassse of an axe, or a sith; concerning
their relation to the Souldier, tis here but little
and impertinent, his room being indeed far betrer
then his company.

Mickle-Worth. Yet say (my down-right freind) will
you then stock up the fence of our Lands, our
lives: oppose the fast-bind fast-finde of our fore-
fathers? Why let me tell you, that as the natural
body, so does the body politicke consist of dif-
ferent humours and complexions, Learning, Mars,
and Husbandry, the cheifest; and these, when
in their due poise and affectionately plighted, ren-

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der it faire and flourishing; but if falling into partialities, if the Scholler and Souldier say to the Husbandman, we have no need of thee; or the Farmer and Lawyer to the Souldier, we have no need of thee; the house is divided within it selfe, and cannot long endure.

Mille.T. A grievous curse was it, when God in the fifth of *Esay* threatned to breake downe the wall of His Vineyard; for what followes in conclusion, but it must be eaten up? *the Boare out of the Wood shall waste it, the Foxes, even the little Foxes spoile it;* and who can with such propriety personate this wall as the Souldier; since he it is that animats our strongest peices, which otherwise are but meerly dirt and lumber? Nay, that illustrious *Sparta* tooke him directly in this sense, to such as demanded for her walls: replying with a grosse of martiall bodyes. And among our moderne criticks, (*a*) *Mendoza* (Spanish leiger here for *Philip* the second) was likewise of this opinion; so that considering the facility and open site of our present *England*, respecting her want of fastnesse, of fortification; what other refuge have we save the Souldiers breast? and how fatall does it protend, when we shall so much decry him, cut him short, what if I say cut him off? Is then ambition and the thirst of Empire, now become extinct; or perhaps transplanted farre away to the *Antipodes*? Are we not dayly surrounded with a further accessse of power, and more compact then formerly? To speake flat out, must we lie at the devotion

a. Hollinshead,
Sol. 1371.

devotion of every hungry pretender, not reposing rather upon our owne abilities? whence I say succeeds this confidence? suppose I call it stupidity.

Penny-VV. Call it what you will Sir; nay how-soever the coales be stir'd, yet must I still persist, and the case is plaine, that *Ilanders* are differently regulated from the continent: Is not the Sea our moate, nor to be filled up with (a) rjis or rubish? And our *Armado* such a wall as hitherto has beene invincible?

A war-word, signifying *virgulta* or *sacets*, *virgatum* *ramet* brush having or the like.
b In his annals fol. 207.

Mickle-VV. Thus opinionated were the *Suiones* in *Tacitus*; the reason (b) *quia subitos hostium incursus prohibet oceanus*: yet is this position so feasible, that how has our owne Empresse of *Flands* beene often harassed, euen how often totally subverted? I derogate not the sea-man, let him be the first, and a principall peice of our safety; but to hazard all upon this single string, must be justly subject to construction.

Mille-T. All our enterprises, our overtures, are recommended as they become lesse accidentall: wee say the foot-combatant (c) has much advantage upon the horseman, because our materials are more compact, and every rider stands ingaged in the defects of his horse: againe the sword we manage (since more entice) is preferred before the harquebuse, an engine consisting of many subordinate pieces, of spring, stone, poulder, touch hole, &c. each of which must either readyly take his cue, or frustrate execution. And is our totall confidence supplanted then to Sea; where the tide, the

c Edmunds upon *Cæsars* *Commentariar.* lib. 5. fol. 175.

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the wavering wind, and an innumerable tackle, must either continually goe true, or else expose us to become the wages of usurpation and hostility? must our maine rest be set up, I say, upon such uncertainties? or is it not rather expedient, when finding our wooden wall so tickle, that our yron one, our infantry be likewise perfected, an imployment requiring the souldier?

Penny-W. Well Sir, but adde we then the rocks, the fyrts, the difficulties of our coast; for all these in confederacie, and seconding each other, will prove a cord so tough, so manyfoldly twist-ed, that what invasion availeable to breake it? Nay, there are other allegations also, so pregnant and familiar; that your joyning issue generally with~~out~~, will prevent much circuit of speech, fixing us likewise more attentive.

all

*o Vide Hay-
wards Edward
the sixth, fol. 120*

Mille-T. Concerning this perplexednesse of our frontire, as it has by (a) forraine circumspection formerly been unridled; thus no doubt but many hollow friends have from our long peace return'd so much experience, that what devious or weyward English channel, but they can readily decipher; engaging thus our interiour or artificiall aides; disputing it with our forts and importunities of ordinance; so that how farre forth these may secure us, is now become the point: and upon mature deliberation, we must conclude negatively. For whereas that daring Monarch, King *Henry the eight* (having provoked almost all the Christianworld) was very vigilant to perplex his frontire

rire, by scattering such bars and bolts among our openest accesses; yet in the nonage of his successor, the reason of state was otherwise; (a) and many of these, rather accounted chargeable then necessarie, were againe demolish'd; because there was no shewie, neither needeed there any cloake. A further second sort, though not executed thus, by any publike proceſſe, is yet within compasse of (b) *Eſayahs* curse, being left (I say) so to nettles, brambles, even so totally neglected; that they have lien a long time drawing (c) on, and we may justly feare the catastrophe. Concerning such as really survive, being exempted from this indispoſition, yet does martiall knowledg either come by nature, or many an important piece may often cry out with the *Shunamitis* sonne, *My head, my head*. Thus did (d) *Calice* heretofore, the Lord *Wentworth* being Governour; and where the understanding is but subordinate to the will, where *Vlyſſes* must observe an ignorant *Polypheme*: againe, where command and knowledge are distracted into *meum* and *tuum*; where these two properties meet not *ſimul*, & *ſemel in eodem ſubjecto*, nor may suddenly determine in *ipſo nunc*; it preſuppoſes ill, and even invokes an enemy. To conclude, though like *Absolon*, they may from the crowne of the head to the ſoale of the foot, bee without any blemish; yet Sir *Wal. Raligh* (whose aſſertion is *miſſe teſtes*) he I say will tell us, (e) that the Iland of *Tercera* thus accommodated even in this exquisite trimme, was ſeized by Saint a *Cruce*;

a *Haywards*
Edward the
ſixt; fol. 145.

b *Chap.* 34. 13.

c *Scarborough*
caſtle in *Qy.*
Maries dayes
ſee *Godwin*
Hereford, fol.
325.

d *Haywards*
Edward the ſixt
fol. 162. yet
M. Cambden in
his *Annals*
cleares him
by his pecces,
condemning
Chamberlaine
Capaine of
the Caſtle.

e In his *Hiſtory*
of the world,
the ſiſt Booke
of the firſt part
fol. 361, and
362.

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a In his obser-
vations upon
Caesars Com-
ment. fol. 155

as likewise *Faiall* (mauger an obvious parapet, with all the leade it could malevolently powre out) by himsele; and Master *Edmunds* in our most elaborate tract, even among our Cinque-ports will bee yet so cautious, (a) that an Army of twelve thousand, must here likewise divert the danger; Your selfe therefore being *arbiter*, whether does this inferre the necessity of our train'd-bands, with a proportion of Veterans for their better disciplining?

Penny VVise. And yet why so much confidence before an entire victory? before every rub removed and levell'd: for now the rejoinder is, that we have an active, an experient body in the *Netherlands*, which if redemanded, will bee of great incussion; may successfully stand in the gap, and proably dispose of fortune, repulsing all hostilities.

Godwins an-
nals, fol. 10.

Mille-Toyle. But then againe, the Wise Virgins had not their Oyle to fetch, when the Bride-groom came; then I say there must be transportation, and considering our modern politicks, with their many subtile umbrages of state, are wee sure of a true, an opportune Intelligence? has not a wily *Ferdinand* pretended *France* (b) or (as others tell us) a Warre against the *Moores*, and yet taken a contrarie course, usurping upon *Navarre*? Or else goe to, tis well and timely certified; yet againe shall we beleeve, that (as the Poets write of *Ulysses*) our *Netherlander* can also captivate the winde in a bagge, imploying it at pleasure, even at *Flushing*, their neereft and most open Port, does the shipping ly often bedrid,

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rid, and long and vainly have I wooed the wind to be propitious ; nay we reade (a) that heretofore when King *Canutus* and *Robert the Freise*, had from *Denmarke* and *Flanders* ramassed 1600 saile wherewithall to invade us, they were thus opposed two yeeres together, a dash to the designe : and as a moderne example, our relieving *Calice* a far shorter cut, was also thus diverted according to both *Holinshed* and *Godwin*, two sufficient witnessess.

a *Daniells*
chronicle
fol. 34. and 35.

Mickle-W. Thus Mr. *Penny-Wife* have you met with wedges for all your severall knots, and now will *Mille-Toyle* conclude, that since our other natural and artificial abilities are so seisable, of such a Punick troth ; whether must we retreat for succour, or what stone is yet to be turned over, save that of the selected bands, which will againe inferre the veterane ? These indeed are our *Triarij*, our last refuge ; by this institution is our triple cord, of the sea, the shoare, and the souldier, fully perfected.

Penny-VV. Neither am I so riged *Mickle-Worth*, but to retract and be perswaded, till I meete with better information ; only the necessity being thus dilated, let mee now receive the growth and antiquity thereof, with what our ancestors might determine in this point ; reason being then soonest understood, if well seconded by president.

Mickle-W. A pertinent request, the fullfilling whereof must still bring you more about ; know therefore, that our train'd companies of so re-

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markable incursion, are likewise very venerable for antiquity, as bearing date even from our Saxon ancestors : For when King *Etheldred* had beene miserably harass'd by the *Dane*, nor found otherwise to vindicate his sovereignty, then by some new untrodden path; the course he pitch'd upon, was that of Land-rates, and to charge every Knights fee, (a) every eight hides of land throughout the Kingdome with a corslet; wee may likewise presuppose both men and discipline proportionable, the complexion of such a time will beare it; but how long this was continued, and with what appropriate officers, I determine not: if being the proto-type, the first modell, it might likewise be rough-hewen and momentany; yet in proceſſe of time, our illustrious *Henry* the second, (b) found so directly to settle it, that the like practice was soone after obtruded upon *France* and *Flanders*; nay King *Edward* the first (c) (one of our best Law-givers) proceeded yet more roundly, assessing it by oath, and upon inferiour values, as also collating experient officers, (d) annually to prosecute the execution. I might imbroyle your memory with severall other, both old and latter institutions to this purpose; but to conclude in a word, this great action of state has descended upon us deeply consulted, oftentimes revis'd, and through a succession of many severall ages.

Penny-W. Whence, I now become iealous of an engine so remarkable, lest by some negligence, or mis-construction, it may be rebated from the due efficacy:

a Daniels chro.
fol. 14. the
terms of the
Law will have
it a jake and
fadle.

b Daniels chro.
fol. 90.

c The Lord
Verulam, *Henry*
the 7. fol. 71
d The Barons
war, and that
of *wales* had
now lasted a-
bout 17 yeeres,
and being all
intestine, had
qualified every
one with such
knowledge
that even a
Highconstable
knew how to
be a Muster-
master.

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efficacie : and should occasion require, what think you ? is it indeed upright, and currant in all the severall particulars ?

Mickle-W. This you must rather demand of some such party, as punctually has beene skill'd in the practice of it; tis your province *Mille-Toyle*, you no doubt may cleare it with sufficient assurance.

Mille-T. An experience of above two Prentiships might indeed the rather ingage me for this discovery, neither will I bee mealy-mouth'd, but ingenuously confesse, that though when taken far off, and in the generall bullion, we finde it a very stupendious structure; yet upon dissection, and the particulars being thoroughly weighed, it replies not in allay. But I must forbear, a punctuall scrutinie will both trespasse time, and your patience.

Mickle-W. Nay, *Mille-Toyle*, this daintinesse makes us more importunate, proceed, proceed, you need not feare our gratitude.

Mille-T. Good Sir be satisfied, 'tis a taske not to bee undertaken without much premeditation; and according to that old embleme, who rashly enters the great end of the Horne, may be squeal'd at the tip, issuing there again but a poore snake, and with much difficulty.

Mickle W. Tush man, away with this distrustfulnesse, neither can so much experience bee at any time to seek; proceed, proceed I say, in flat English, we must have no denyall.

Mille-T. How, so resolute, nor to bee deflected ? well then, if my discourse shall tediously extend

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tend it selfe, yet is it yours, not my owne deed. And now to beginne with convenient order, we may generally distinguish our train'd bands into Horse and Foote; your *Mounsieur* repofes much upon the first, yet is it a brandling, a more casual body; while Infanterie must bee yeilded for the nave, the strength of an Army: beside, our English Foote have ever beene especially celebrated; and since our Princes use also within this covert to waite the chance of Warre, I must begin with these, preferring the Kings guard; and considering them by severall circumstances, either requisite in the particular persons, or the generall purse: in the persons (whether Officers or Souldiers) an account must bee taken, of quality, residence, number, and discipline. Concerning matters of purse, they may bee concluded into Ammunition, and then sold or payment; the first of these being so named *à digniore, quasi munitionis praclara, or nutritoria*, and among other kinde of martiall equipage, taken also for Armes and Powder, two such serious properties, as are likewise to be weighed and examined with much intention; and after our Infanterie thus detected in these particulars, I must likewise implead our cavalry for a bird of the same faulty feather. And thus have you tasted the brieife analysis of what I should discourse: the perplexednesse wherof being considered, with how much it must encroach upon the time, me thinkes I might well be spared from any further enlarging my selfe.

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Mickle-W. Nay, nay, your duty to the publicke; or I can narrow this againe, with that to your particular imployment; both these I say, must impose it unavoidably; I pray proceed.

Mille-T. Concerning then the circumstance of persons, our Officers are first to bee singled out, and accounted with (as is premised) touching their quality, residence, number, and discipline; and being now to speake of quality, mee thinkes I heare the *Mammonist* defining it presently by land-rates; the hot-spurre gallant, moerely by store of fire and audacity; for as where nature is redundant, and in her spring-tydes, there ensues a kind of wilde irregular heat, which yet bee wil intitle to place and government; so has the Devill lately foysted in, a serious kinde of fury, insomuch that your methodicall duellist, by committing a single combat, does often overtop the meritorious veterane. But these expositions are both beside the marke; and he that having an able stocke of reputation, and experience, can also regulate his heat by piety, such a man will neither vitiare our companies in peace, nor forsake himselfe and a good cause in Warre: such an Officer may presume, I say, both of obedience and a blessing; when one inferiour, how pursie, how precipitate soever, will yet bee dallied with and neglected. Or if any one may pronounce my bolt as wide as quickly shot, I will bee yet more confident; and as our Commanders in Chiefe are very cautiously selected, were further respect had also

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to the quality of their Lieutenants and Ensignes, our *Militia* would become more serious, be put forward wkh more affection, more incussion; and where I must be just to some presently in *esse*, and assever their knowledge, their ability; they would then indeed all be valuable, even all of them be figures.

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Mickle-W. That our Officers not raggedly indow'd, ~~and~~ rather quadrate in their severall requisites, would indeed promise very largely; but wee must consider where the scene is laid, preferring such as a long settled peace can administer; howsoever, the caution is well put in, and worth our welcome, as urging an accurate choice, and that we stil be hitching nearer to perfection; but now for your second particle.

Mille-T. Namely that of *non-residents*, and let others judge the happynesse: when every country, every countie, may relye upon his own materials: well was it for *England*, that beginning to reforme the Church, shee joyntly travell'd of another issue; being likewise delivered of her first borne yron ordinance (a) a counterbattery to the Romish Canon: and the print of good *Qu. Elizabeth*, may be justly list'd with a glorious trophy-worke of artillery, since shee it was, who by (b) discovering the *Keswicke* mines, and calamint stone, reformed it into brasse. Nay, in her time also our powder (before transported out of *Germany*) was now wrought at home, the fire engine being fully perfected: Tis of maine consequence,

a Vide Henry
the eight, in
Hollinshhead,
Anno reg. 35.

b In Bishop
Carletons
tract fol. 2.

quence, I say, that every country, every county, have his instruments, his Officers so within distance, that like the good Centurion, it may readily say, to this, *Goe; and he goeth*; to that *Come, and bee commeth*; it argues more successe, readier assurance; when who reposes upon forraigne aides, may with much propinquity be resembled to such a flattering Smith, as often loles his heate, while he seekes his hammer. In a word, since further fetch'd, can neither be had as cheape, nor found as usefull; give mee leave to preferre our innate, our directest residents.

Mickle-W. And good leave have you Sir, this error being both familiar, and then as palpable; but since we have wherewithall to mend it, you may, perhaps, finde it has been of ignorance, not of will. For the tract of number now successively to be dealt upon, me-thinks, it should bee without exception; and since wee are rather deficient in our Discipline, come wee next to this fourth partick, where directly you must enlarge your selfe.

Mille-T. Yet soft and faire, my noble Patriot; for even concerning number also, I find not that *Eurithmia*, that agreement of parts, which an exquisite infantry may require: our select bands are I say, of very ponderous irregular bulke, rather cohorts then (*a*) maniples; their officers likewise incompetent, each body being indeed a Polypheme, the soule to it but a disproportionable Pigmie; and what other sequel, but as tumultu-

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a According to Polybius a manipule consisted of 120. and a cohort of 360. three maniples.

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ary, slow, and indigent performance ? where if they may bee digested lesse, and animated with requisite officers, each having three or foure sergeants ; their being more compactly situate, will argue quicker motion, execution ; their proportionable scantling, readier disquisition information ; and which is a maine peice, they wil engage more dependants of quality for the service.

Mickle-W. Now is this likewise very considerable ; but the notorious neglect of discipline does somuch extenuate our other peccancies, that impute it not, though a preposterous zeale has thus somewhat transported me ; and now proceed good *Mille-Toyle*, tis now the next, according to your own former resolution.

Mille-T. Lastly therfore doest thou glory in thy plume, thy (*b*) partefan, in the displaying thy colors, in the superfice, the shell of command ? yet be sure to legitimate thy selfe with the soule of it, with a support of skill and knowledge : for how darest thou so roundly surrogate a mute for a vowell, a blank for a prise ? I could justly here enlarg my self, as against a fault unavoidably hindering the successe of our *Militia* ; but the future prevention enforces me rather to propound an Antidote, a Sovereigne mixture both of open shame, and as publick reputation ; two pathological motives, and importunate with any generous spirit : for by reducing our obsolet troupes into Centuries, with also some accessse of Officers, (before touch'd upon) what County so penurious, but even of these alone

b The weapon distinguishing the *Lieutenant*, from *pertuise*, *francois*, which signifies to bore,

alone, will have a body competent enough for exercise: which being annually convented, two or three dayes, will even laugh and sing at the happy successe; as not expent in fruitlesse (a) *Li-macons* and *Pyrrhicke* dances; but so methodically husbanded to the best advantage, that each Lieutenant, Ensigne, every Officer shall afterwards give a good account of his sufficiency. Neither is it strange, if the mannage of this affaire bee committed to his trust, whom improperly we stile the Muster-master; since indeed a threefold respect, of his experience (as having beene qualified in service;) his place, (as of general privy with the whole shire;) and an injunction of disciplining from above, will thus impose it.

(a) Properly snayles, and from their twisting shells, used metaphorically in French for winding and casting into rings.

Perry-W. Your proposition must needs be commendable, as striking infallibly the right string; and all necessary knowledge may thus descend from units to infinits; nay your *primus motor* has also beene sufficiently pleaded; onely since you quarrell his denomination, let mee intreat that insisting somewhat further, you more precisely yet exhibit him.

Mylls-T. Very willingly Sir, and thus howsoever this Officer has lately beene of so perplexed an estimate and interpretation, he shall at least bee vindicated, perhaps ingratiated againe. Some Criticks therefore will derive his obstreperous name from the Belgicke verbe *monstren*, some from *muisteren* of the Flemings, or confine it else to muster-here *Teutonickly*; neither indeed doe these

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Etymons import further than sincerely to list an Army, not passing save warrantable Levies and furniture; nay they will tell us of the Hollands Commissary, and though his name bee large and specious, that yet hee is restrain'd to the view of Armes and bodies: but then againe, is not this in respect of an universall experience, that vast engin of their Militia being compleated in *qualibet parte*? Vpon different circumstances there ensues another proportion, and every able Patriot, having first accounted with the place, the time, and other particulars, will preferre such a temper, as may fittingest comply with his designe; insomuch that our British Muster-master must succeed rather from the Latine *monstrare*, which signifies as well to teach as to view; I, wee finde him here in England responsible both for discipline, and ammunition; the Character rather of a Sergeant-Major: and who I say so fit for these peeces, as one qualified in a real Warre, and able to bestead himselfe with the mysteries of his profession? Adding therefore probity of life, and (as some wil argue) clarity of birth; (for the (a) Cadets of shires say they are fullest of support and countenance) pardon me, if I boldly call this that Delphicke Sword, which may accommodate all our severall necessities; that Sun which brightly will enlighten the speare, the circle of his *Militia*; addressing such influence so to particular Officers, that from thence it shall descend upon our File-leaders; and as Navigable streames are by subordinate

(a) Younger
brothers of an-
cient gentrey.

dinate rivers derived even to petty brookes and rillets, these againe shall dilate it generally, even to the meaneſt Centinel. I dare freely call it a prepoſterous courſe, a haſte making waſte; which ſome of the Hollands Serjeants heretofore tranſported: and to teach by rankes and rings, is but to ſlubber up; the *termini* of *à quo* and *ad quem*, can never obſerve each other mutually; when by this methodicall, this ſucceſſive inſtillation, their induſtry ſhall meeete ſingle and undiſtracted.

Penny-W. I know not Sir how the General may relliſh this; but ſo far has it won upon my particular, that with a neceſſity of diſcipline, I muſt alſo yeld this officer to bee manifoldly qualified.

Mickle-W. I, of ſeverall capacities, *Penny-wiſe*, that as occaſion requires he may redreſſe and fill up all defects and vacancies; which being thus inſerted by the way, proceed we now again with our propounded method.

Mille-T. And this is to be doing with our Legionaries, our other Souldiers; concerning therefore the Bulke, the proportion of their companies, enough has been ſaid already; their reſidence muſt bee likewise within diſtance as that of Officers. But then for the quality of theſe, tis familiarly ſo neglected, that here I muſt inſiſt a while; and as an introduction not improper, touch alſo by the way upon our immitted forraigne leavies, which are ſo prepoſterous, that the moſt ſappy crooked peice, will yet make a ſufficient ſouldier; I, in

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mine own experience, our imprests have been guilty of some, which like conny-skins out of season, have been halfe and quarter ones; might be put two or three to a man; nay we likewise imploy as disastrous minds, as hands, which unhappines has made *Philopolites* disgust himselfe after this manner.

(a) The martiall terme for a supply, or filling up, from *recrute fran-
cois*.

Deut. 23. 13.

*How are we thus securely blinded? how
Besals it often, that the Campe does now
So robbe the Gemones? that jayles diffuse
Our Mars somuch, with many a blacke (a) recruts,
Disastring him? & tell, are these the men
Will vindicate our Isle, and reare againe
Her glorious Crest? Or he that could provide
His Israelites their paddle-staffes, to hide
Each purgament; shall such a jealous Lord
Walke in the Campe with these? no, no, reward
Them with your rods, your racks; or trusse them up
Like vermin for determent; 'tis a Troupe
Of other hearts and hands, may presuppose
Successfullnesse; anew regreening those
Our lately yelow Bayes.*

And indeed the precious stocke of our reputation, is by this neglecting publicke for private ends, so much decayed and wasted, that even a violent necessity has put me upon this string: nor let any one calumniate what has been said, as if I meant like another *Maximus*, (b) by transporting our cheifest strength to disfurnish Britaine, leaving

b Daniels chro.
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ing it incompetently guarded : no, no, my Plea opposes (*b*) *Marcus*, *Miminius*, *Gusman*; levels only at our doe-littles, rogues, stigmaticks, and the like : as for others, (*c*) *Proletarius* wil passe muster for all his poverty ; nay that (*d*) Cushman-cru-
sher by some nicer palats how distasted, is yet fit enough for service ; and in especiall, our (*e*) *Taupin* where conveniently he may bee spared, is so beyond compare ; that the cheif of these, the best owners, will be maine Timber in the ponderous frame of our train'd bands. our wealthiest Husbandmen are (I say) most futable for this maine employment ; to repose it upon servants and mechanicks were disproportionable, and alasse they flit up and down, like empty clouds ; are of inferior spirit and abilitie, and but uncertaine comforters : whereas, if well weighing this hardy kind of Yeoman, (besides a toughnesse of temper extraordinary) his commendable ranke argues more discourse, a deeper touch of reputation ; his constant residence, inculcation of discipline, and then an inheritable revenue, both prohibits him from giving ground, inables him against many casuall asperities, and preposeth better trim, more commendable furniture.

Mickle-W. Concerning this middle people, betweene Cottagers and Gentlemen, my Lord of St. *Alban* (*a*) has formerly so delivered their institution, multitude and abilities, that the case is plaine enough ; and their furniture, their military provision being equivalent, they may ranke with the

(*b*) Such a coward as wil cut off his thumb to prevent his service. *Marcell.*

(*c*) The *Romans* entoul'd him not, only holding him fit for procreation.

(*d*) *Sedentarius* or *Sedularius* an Artificer that works sitting.

(*e*) A Souldier made of a Husbandman, and so named of his mole like furrowing up the earth.

(*a*) In his King *Henry* the sixteenth. *fol. 74.*

the best Legionaries in Europe; what thinke you therefore of this circumstance? I pray bee free with us.

Mille-T. This is very opportunely moved, engaging mee for the next particle, our ammunition; which comprises (as has been specified) the generall Æquipage of a Magazin; so that now our Armes shall have an orderly discussion, or I may call them else our Jewels; for thus does the Prophet *Esay* render the same word in both senses, which (by the way) may schoole us to their higher estimate; our Armes or rather Jewels, are now I say to possesse the stage: and I must consider them according to that old dispartition of defensive and offensive: arrainging some of these in respect of weaknesse; others againe of their weight. To begin with Armes defensive, I must here commence my Plea against (a) *Huskins*, (b) *Almayne Rivets*, both evidently guilty; and yet a third sort as blacke in colour, as course and crasie in their constitution: for where our corselet may bee distinguished respectively, as it participates either of the hammer, the Grindstone, or the file; these (as of the lowest forme) are meerly beaten, a dangerous *omen*; and may be compact of any spallst Iron, all flaws and blemishes being dawbed over with an hypocriticall varnish: wherefore *caveat emptor* they are neither for use, nor ornament; my Vote I say, is onely for russet Armes, a degree higher; and neither despicable, sumptuous, nor impotent; neither too nice of constitution,

Chap. 39. v. 2.

(a) A copped head peece with an acorn or such like upon it.

(b) An armour allowing in the breast and faces some few riveted joynts for the wearers ease.

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on, nor over-rigid; as testifying with the hammer, the Grindston also; (c) nay somewhat like-wife of the file: and more proportionable to the safetie, the celsitude, of our illustrious Britaine.

(c) Those of
24^s participate
the rough file
only, those of
28. the bastard
file also.

Mickle-W. I can observe how ready you have been to interrupt him *Peny-Wife*; the matter of charge without a very pregnant inference is somewhat hard to be understood: but having probably quit himselfe, I now distrust not your reconciliation; tush man, so triviall is this expence in respect of what it retributes, that we shall but loose a worine to catch a fish.

Peny-W. But this inconstancy, these often alterations are generally clamor'd *Mille-Toyle*, and will runne you still into further construction: bee well advis'd therefore, and rather than to broach this profusion, these novelties, carry a lighter hand; 'twil yeeld a more remarkable returne, reconciling such as wil otherwise be demanding a strict account of all particulars.

Mille-T. Tush tush, as the truth seekes no corners, it likewise feares no colors; and will then our changing for the better, and with sufficient Cards for it, runne the hazard of so high displeasure? tis true that an inferiour Cottage may bee huddled up in haste, but shal we think the like of *Rome* or *London*? is indeed that ponderous structure of our Iron Wal, the work only of a day or two? why even the most important peeces are at first rough-hewen, and but *ursa parius*, nor to bee perfected

(a) this to maintaine and dilate what fire the brimstone gives.

(b) Both in respect of strength, for *vis unita friv-*
or ; of dispatch, for when meale it falls individu-
ally in plump, cloying the pipe of any flaske ; and of thrust, as now rolling downe the piece more entirely, and with lesse interception.

(c) A coate-sleeves and gorget of mayle, *Lorica hamata*.

(d) An antique armour of many joynts and scales, *Goliath* in the painted cloth is thus armed: perhaps our *quondam* Brigandine: in French *pour point d'escaille*,

fected but with much expence experience, and often licking; to demonstrate which and first in our artillery, (an expression of neare alliance and coming home in paint;) thus the violence of Saltpeter and brimstone once discovered, and upon some further discourse, a body being also found for this soul to worke in, yet all was but *dolium ignivomum*, and rude enough, taken whether in the name of it, or the nature: nay, when hereafter better polish'd, and come to be *canna* a cane, (whence our appellatives of gunne and cannon,) even then also was our powder susceptible of a third ingredient, namely the (a) coale. neither did invention shut up Her shoppe here, but afterwards the due proportion of these became another *quere*: and still upon several intervalls, was it improved, one while with that busie stickler the harquebuse, which (as *La Noë* has it) was father likewise to the Pistoll: another while with the (b) kerning of our powder formerly made up in meale; then againe with the musket, so highly boasting of his great incussion; and sundry other specialties might be likewise interwoven. Now since the perfection has not descended but in these cancellers, in a varietie of new editions and improvements; must (I say) our changing stil for the better bee so much detracted? and thy eye become wicked, because mine has been good and single? To rip up antiquity a little further, and return my hammer upon the nayle it selfe; thus also (c) the Haubert, and that *quondam* (d) *lorica squammata*,
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How lowdly boasting their innumerable Peeres and *Palladines*, have long since bin reformed to the *German-Rivet*; this also becoming refuse and old yron, our modern corslet is now become the sole true-penny *quia corpus celat*, because it covers & defends the body with entire plate. Neither is the corselet so farre from all exception, but stil (upon further inquiry) wee find that when being white, it dyes with cockering, is quickly burnish'd out: againe if black, is likewise as base, and withal unsearchable. Whence wee may conclude (as was sayd before,) that perfection is not chopp'd into suddenly, comes not at the sowce, or the leape, like a bird, or beast of prey; but after our Saviours own rule, of first (a) the blade, then the eare, then the ripe corne; or like the (b) light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

(a) Mat. 4. 28.

(b) Pro. 4. 28

Mickle-W. Tis yours enough *Mille-Toyle*, and though *Penny-Wife* have perhaps been somewhat busie; yet since it does so much advantage, giving the better marke to your experience, I hope no matter of offence shall here be harp'd upon, save only our offensive armes; and according to former order, these being next to passe muster, I pray proceed in it, affording us your further information.

Mille-T. Why then, for such offensives as trespasse likewise in this weaknesse, the *Musket*, such a masterful Engine, as, when compleat, cuts far before the point; at whose presence both sling, dart, and

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bow are antiquated; nay, the very *Harquebuse* faime likewise to quit the field: this Engine paramount, is yet so palpably full of this imputation, that where none of these should passe without a sufficient prooffe-marke to warrantie; we now familiarly go lesse, preferring *Jone* equally with our Lady; the Black-Smiths marke and a miscellany of many other, indifferently with the Kings: Here should I therefore move for some such generall distinction (whether by way of Character upon the Chamber of the peece or otherwise; as may suddenly divert all diffidence; warranting at a cursory glance, (the scanty limit of a muster-master) what otherwise must bee taken up upon trust; and being thoroughly put to it, may become either a fast friend, or a false. Neither will it be impertinent, that here I likewise mention the due extent and measure of this tryall: we preferre our owne barrells to those of the Netherlands, even (b) those of iron, harder than iron; and our prooffe should consequently be higher, a circumstance which I feare we rather trespasse in: Nay, what if it prove inferior, of a more scanty constitution?

Mickle.W. If this bee manifest, and found to hold Water, it concernes us very much; but here me thinkes the Powder-pactor nestling towards you, replies with tush Sir, not your flegmaticke quantities, but the peter well refin'd, and as respectively imbodied; the matter of quality must chiefly governe us: and herein have wee joynd issue with the Hollander long since; a verdict passing

(a) This extends from the breech of a foot, or somewhat more to the moulthes which is a ring of little welts, and channels surrounding the barrel.

(b) The bread of Linburge is said to be better than bread, the fire hotter than fire, and yron harder than yron.

sing for us, and avouching no work to (a) Southwarke; not by matter of Bulke, but the huffe, the height; by that of efficacy must it rather bee decided, and then.

(a) Here at the Bel, is the gun-powder-house

Mille-T. Yet softly Swift, for notwithstanding any ceremonious paction, and those familiar vauntes of five, or perhaps (b) six, one and one, even his owne peeces are subject also with intention to remission; his owne powder availes not habitually to prescribe in the three (c) Crownes, but is often found of an inferiour alloy: which variety being also yelded to the Netherlander; what if the comparison have bin between our hawke and his buzzard? Nay sir, notwithstanding many specious pretences, yet has his employment been very full of construction; nor may better bee displayed, than by a Fountaine or Conduit-head, distributing it selfe into the Pipe, and the wast: at the Pipe first the King, afterwards has the Country beene to bee served, each at set indifferent rates; which being fully perform'd, both the waste and valuation of it, have (as it seemes) beene his own freely to dispose of; and that the Merchant, the Chandler and others, should not retayle it for nothing, has beene made sure enough; especially Mars being predominant, for then with obstreperous notes of the Tower and Navie, has hee presently plug'd up all other issues; the Country chiefly being disclaimed with such obstinacy, that either the Pipe must bee very needy, like the unjust Steward paying but fifties for hundreds;

(b) In every hundred waight 6. parts bein 2. Peter, to one of Brimstone, and one of Cole.

(c) The marke distinguishing his best powder; and imprinted on the top most hoope of the barrel.

(whence the *quere* will bee, whether more passages to the Wood may give better satisfaction;) or else the packe very busie, kicking down that milk by conveyance, with which wee should bee nourish'd up by contract. Or againe, if these obstructions rather prove artificiall, and either imposed to whet on importunity, and skrew his wast up to the higher racke; or least this by-way may becom observable *sapèterendo*, to feed else some hidden issue in the City, where it may thus advantage under a pretence of forraigne peter; if I say it should rather prove some matter of umbrage and artifice, my conclusion must bee of necessity, that a *Rome* of but one necke, ought to bee guarded with all severity; nor only from *Nero's* sword, but the squinsie likewise of *Demosthenes*.

Mickle-W. 'Tis somewhat that you say *Mille-Toyle*, and I my selfe have also knowne, when a Country-Officer has danc'd so much attendance, of many journeyes, with alwayes a *nihil* upon his request; that necessity has driven him to the Chandlers at *vl. vs. per centum*: so that there may bee some pad in the straw, requiring a further scrutiny. But leaving this to graver eyes, as also the circumstance of weaknesse and levity; come wee now to that other extreame of weight and burthen.

Mille-T. Sir, you shall freely dispose of mee; only as a corollary to this point, whereas the Country-story must alwayes certainly be ready, yet with little and uncertaine vent, which presages much expence; why might it not every fourth or fifth
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yeare become utterable at his waste, his pipe repaying us againe with an equall proportion in exchange; the commodity being carefully stowed, will long continue good and staple, bee returned him of sufficient efficacie, even with the prooff-masters re-assurance; and our severall Magazines thus successively re-inforced, become politicke and perpetuall bodies without any deceasing: or howsoever this suggestion may perhaps bee slighted, somewhat would me thinkes bee done to this purpose.

And now according to your desire, proceed we with a second sort of armes, as prejudiciall likewise in their excesse, and pondor, as the former in deficiency; and even our *Bourganet* of such a lofty Combe, (I had almost said the Barthenet) is often still obtruded like tares among the Wheat: the reason of warre formerly prescribing these, was to prevent the *Halberd*, a weapon Teutonically derived of helme, *nempe cassida*; and bard, which is *dolabra*; whence it came to be *Cassi-dolabrum*, of hewing and cleaving the Helme: nay, as *Killianus* further affirms, it has in times of yore been flatly denominated *Helme-Axe*; but our Pike having abolished these, and prevented their ancient efficacy, wee now preferre the (a) *Morian*, in weight more temperate; yet of combe enough to frustrate the sword. In the next place, must I contest a kinde of *Tassets* lately broken over proportion, and having for it the specious pretexts both of ornament and safety; Neither may the deare (b) *Abdomen*,

a This lighter kind of head piece seems to be derived out of Barbary, from the Moores; as the former from the *Burgundians*; and thus will some derive our Pikes out of *Pikardie*.

(b) That part of the belly betwene the ribs & privy members.

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(a) The inner
rimmo of the
belly, inclosing
the entrails.

(b) Capitaine

of the Tirc-

pol. 22.

(c) Tremelias

and Luy upon

Judges 20. 46.

d The arming
peeces of the
shoulders to
the elbows,
named so of es-
mole françois

the scible (a) *Peritoneum*, so repleat with many tender curiosities, bee guarded too securely: nay the thigh has likewise certaine little veines so conducing to generation, that *Jacob's* children came out of his thigh; and againe of (a) eleven speeding places about the body, two of these are couched within (b) the thighs; notwithstanding all which, wee must yet bee cautiously indulgent, not too much suppressing activitie; especially with looser peeces, and so readily to bee rejected. Let the belly and appurtenants (a marke as faire as feshable) bee requisitely gaurded; but the danger of these other parts is prevented much in their tenuitie. 'Twas a fictitious shaft that killed *Achilles* so precisely in the heele; and though the (c) *Benjamites* (no doubt) were very cutious markes-men, yet their hitting at a hairs breadth is concluded figurative, and hyperbolically. the slenderesse (I say) and exiguities of these peeces inferre so competent a safety, that notwithstanding a paire of like mortall muscels in the two armes, our (d) *Pouldrons* (as cumbersome and inclining to burthen) are irrecoverably casheid: and indeed he that runs a temperate course between the two extreames; neither touching too palpably, either upon weight or weaknesse; but mutually interweaving defence and dexteritie together, has a double string to his bow; misdoubts not in respect of his competent safety; and the rather failes not, because of his active expedition. But we have yet greater bugs to deale withall; for so uneven and
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gowty likewise is the web of our English musket, that as sometime wee may justly suspect it for weakely timber'd : (a defect already reſented) Tis oftentimes again as oppreſſive and immanageable; inſtead of 14^l. weight, or thereabout; amounting often to 16. nay ſometime to 18^l. weight and upwards. Now, if ſuch pills as theſe and the former, may perhaps with gayety enough bee ſwallowed, during a city ſlew, or a countreys miſadventures; yet when the ſtrength of horſes wil in a ſeaſon at hand complain of giving weight; what ſhal we thinke of a far inferior ability, being to beat it out upon the hooſe, perhaps for many dayes together, each of them ſtil further ſadding and ſetting it; and as the ſtring of a ſtone-bow comes ſtiffeſt neare the nut, the laſt proving alwayes the worſt?

Penny-W. Why, that it muſt either founder beneath the burthen; or ſo reject it, that the work muſt be done without the tooles.

Mickle-W. And then again, what other conſequence, ſave a prosperous enemy; and to receive the law where we ſhould impoſe it? but this premonition will I hope, worke with us effectually; and ſtil may you deſerve better; as your detection ſhall further extend it ſelfe.

Mille-T. I might ſtil indeed be doing with other pectancies; our pike does often over-ſwell in his true Diameter; often may the ſword be called a ſit-ſaft, being familiarly ſhackled in his own inordinate length; and as ſome ſlubbering farmer may

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may loose a lambe for a little tar ; often also do wee hazzard great advantages by the want of little peeces, even of wormes, scowrers, priming-pins, and the like ; but so far better is it rather to mend a gap, then find it ; that my next indeavour shall be to propound some antidote preventing these enormities ; and were their but a brevi-ate of all our severall requisits, prescribing their weight, extention and qualitie, with infallible painings upon each transgression ; perhaps this exterior part of our *Militia*, might the sooner be perfected : nay, let me not speake of the shel alone, since these penalties might even availle the soule thereof, and comfort up the lame defective pieces, which have so long so much disabled it. For since the statute though speaking indeed obstreperously big *ad terrorem*, is yet calme enough in (a) practice, estreating up but now and then some little quilllets : and againe enacted very tenderly, with sundry misdemeanors stil at large : were our penalties more generall, upon the faile likewise of full armes ; upon armes foule, or borrowed ; armes privately transplanted against the muster-roule ; defects unrepayred ; late appearance ; disobedience to Officers ; subornation ; and such others : were, I say, every further offence as yet escaping with indemnity, prosecuted with a proportionable penalty ; and these (a familiar respect given to information) either dimidiated, or so parcelly derived upon our *Militia*, that the souldier him-

(a) Among manyfold misdemeanors, even those of twenty yeeres time, I never knew more then one estreat.

In showing the nature of the weather

In shooting for prizes, quere vvwhether
these insuing Articles may be proper
to bee observed.

1. *That the Souldier shall advance in his ten first postures, and after having given fire, fall orderly by the right hand into the reere.*
2. *That he onely make use of his furthest sight and if his face bee broken in discharging, lose his shoot.*
3. *That hee which downes his Cocke twice, without giving fire, fall backe into the reere, losing his shoot.*

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4. *That he which omits any one of the tenne postures shall lose for every one, an inch in measuring.*
 5. *That every musket shall be of the usuall boore and barrell, and a match cocke.*
 6. *That every musket bee loaden with a full charge and a bullet.*
 7. *That a streight shoote though but of equall distance with a wide one, shall bee preferred before it.*

himselfe might partake of the sweet also with the
sowre ; as of correction likewise of encourage-
ment ; how would such petty casualties availe
that unexperienc'd body of our musketeers? how
I say, might our milice be hence assisted so with pri-
zes, and a sutable proportion of powder ; that
our trained companies be no longer so named iron-
ically, nor our severall holy-dayes dispent empti-
ly in commessations and good-fellowship ; but af-
ter an humble celebration of divine duties, in those
of military discipline.

Penny-W. Yet take heed Souldier, you may
heere perhaps go too neare the wind, and rather
must these Paynings keepe infallibly the higher
way of estreat so lately mentioned : nay, so
dangerous is this diversion, that lo, it overcasts
and thickens already, boding some unkindly wea-
ther.

Mille-T. No such object Sir I warrant you, or
if I must needs suffer for dealing faithfully with
my countrey and my conscience, well and good,
my crosse shal bee my crown. And concerning
these amerciaments (as has been glaunc'd at for-
merly,) they tread not alwayes and irrefragably
the same course, being often imparted likewise to
the plaintiffe ; sometime entirely given the pati-
ent, as we find it upon detaining payment, coat,
and conduct money ; and are indeed respectively
collated, as they may highest raise the generall
profit.

Mickle-W. Whence *Mille-Toyle*, we directly must

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infern a prosperous interpretation ; beare up therefore cheerely, and stil inform us further of your military mysteries.

Mille-T. After our armes once regulated, the next care will bee thy perservation, *Nec minor est virtus quam querere.* Some therefore will to this end argue very strongly, that they should be made all common ; others againe incline to have them generally private ; and a third fort will haule betwene these two opinions, rather preferring the moderne ~~hatch-patch~~ of both. There be some, I say, that will exprobate our common furniture, as *nullius in familia* ; even so much neglected betwene Constable Carelesse, with his successor, and the souldier ; that an yron corselet is yet no robe of durance : whereas, if all bee made private, both the souldier and finder, the propriety and tutelage, meet familiarly in *eodem subjecto*, which presupposes better husbandry : nay by making all our armes common, there must likewise ensue many particular magazins, which wil imply mutiny and rebellion, since by supprizing these, every hagar *Cateline*, or scurvy *Ket*, may lay the foundation of his campe. But now let the tother care be turn'd, and then in answer to the premises, what though some of inferior quality, though Tray perhaps be commonly both souldier and finder, yet does this faile as often in *quater* ; and were great incongruity to demand of *sicc-cinny*, so that the exceptions are more general then the rule. Again though rebellion may perhaps surptise an unity, a petty magazin

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magazin or two ; yet how may these contend with infinites, with such an universality according to that of (a) *David's Hushai* shall light upon them if in *campania*, as the dew falleth upon the grasse ; if retreated into any city, shall even with ropes draw it into the river. Nay these siders with community proceed yet further, indicing the rule of private armes, for so tender and indulgent; that one of these may sometime bee distracted among three, or perhaps foure severall finders ; and then how so many wheels may readily keep touch, and continually hit it, will be the businesse. For example, Sir *Sillie Scater-good* charg'd with a corselet for his mannor of Melt-apace, being compell'd by his diffusion and improvidence, sells it (that he may raise the greater summe) to the severall tenants, as it lyes divided, and in quillters : this they say is now by the common course of Land-rates to be required at many mens hands ; and then such a distracted satisfaction must needs bee full of hazard and uncertainty. Now if being jealous of unhaunted wayes, we rather fix upon the present miscellanye, still preferring a cast of contraries ; and our common armes, as a more compact body, readily to sway the sudden ; those privately disperced, as their unseiesable seconds, and richer of allay : yet againe, (which is a further grievance) the party preferring this old beaten course, does oft become both (b) *Angarius* in respect of personall service, (c) *Perangrins*, as performing it with his own armes ; and then a-

(a) 2 Sam. 17.
12. 13.

(b) A carrier or conveyer of military furniture.

(c) One that imployes both person and goods in the Princes service.

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gaine, *Ter-angarius*, by being also charg'd towards those ~~that~~ are common; a passage which some men do very much hunch at: that every horse should have his loade is proportionable; nay, they are contented (if occasion so require) to beare double; but this treble charge goes much against the haire: yet that old proverbe of many hands make light worke; will conclude it for exiguous enough, and rather one in estimation, than in weight.

Penny-W. For all that Sir, if to find a single armes be so large a stich already with many men, surely, the least addition will make enough before, become the heavier.

Mickle-W. True *Penny-Wife*, but we hope the prompting these heads thus into discourse, may produce a milder, a more acceptable temper.

Mille-T. Well, well, if this be reckon'd so harsh a note, and of the sharpest; yet I must now come to straine a little higher, being also to mediat for sold or payment; such a maine and master-sinew as has of late bin shrewdly sprung; and to foment and comfort it againe, will be richly worth our labour; since therefore, who so keeps the (a) stuffe must also with (b) *Batalaurius* divide the spoile; that our train'd souldiers, by whose ablenesse and reputation, the Wolfe (as they say) is so kept from the doore; that these serious treaders of the corne out, should yet be muzzled; nay still more importunately, that many poore substitutes, having at home several barking-bellies to satisfie, should yet

returne

(a) 1 Sam. 30.
24, & 25.

(b) Such a souldier has been fight with his enemy, so playing his scholars prize, aliter *Batalaurius*, as deserving the Bayes.

return with a *nihil* upon their expence, must needs be contrary both to charity and justice ; neither will I spare yet againe to say, that there is that scattereth, and yet increaseth ; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but so much does it tend to poverty ; that although I can affectionately remember, when our discipline was up, at some good intention of alacrity, practice, and emulation ; yet this stocke of happynesse after a tedious dwindling, is now directly dying ; our musters are become dull and heavy, our officers in their edge much rebated, the musketeer disproportionably and deeper charg'd then the pike ; in fine, whereas the souldier in close of all (and as the crowne of his perseverance) has formerly been to receive his payment ; this metlesome tie being deducted, hee likewise does his work accordingly ; often slinking home without either conge, discipline, or scruple at it : the reason because he has but his labour for his paines.

Penny-W. Concerning the discipline, which you seeme to presse somuch, some will reckon it for more indifferent, nor so punctually to be stood upon ; that wee have convenient furniture wherewithall to answer all alarums, is granted necessary ; and if an annual account therof be taken, we cannot at an inch of time, bee navigating many leagues of place, to bee fitted both too late, and at excessive values : Marry for this matter of exercise, what need so much festination ? it enters now improperly, and before the right cue.

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Mille-T. Indeed, were invasion as plaine a dealer, as heretofore in the golden age; nor intended without a harbinger giving defiance, and sufficient warning; there might be more colour for this intimation: but since our moderne *Mars* knowes so cunningly to palliat himselfe, and his designes; wee must way-lay, and deterre him with as much as wee can of the foregame; all our other equipage (as has formerly been insinuated) is but a masse of lumber, onely to bee spirited by men and discipline: and notwithstanding such a body, if we stave off this soule, it induces (a) an undervaluing, which will the sooner instigate hostility; when, if these two may thoroughly bee consolidated, the piece becomes of more opinion, is now difficult and formidable; nor to bee contested, but upon importunate reasons, and with uncertain expectation.

[a] It was
Meddozas ar-
gument to
whet on inva-
sion in 88.
Hollinshead.
1374.

Penny-W. But say then, wil not yet your exercise detract too forceably from our other occasions: the French will conclude (b) a good trade for a rich revenue; the Netherlander proceeding yet further, wil have it (c) an Earldome; but content thee Hans, 'twil be a very poore one; if dayly check'd so much and interrupted.

[b] *Quisquit*
messier, ill est
vaie.
(c) The dutch
proverb is am-
bache schap,
groef, schap.

Stiech-ill

Mickle-W. Tush Sir, let not *Sellularius*, not ~~being~~ the taylor object his shop, nor *Coridon* be jealous of his plough; since our exercise may so respectively be conveighed, as to trench materially upon neither: for better clearing whereof, it ensues necessarily, that after the *Quare* of our discipline

discipline so newly touch'd upon ; wee likewise consider the *Quando*, the circumstance of time, in which it may be doing with least noise and exception ; then again the capacity, *Quantum*, and extent of the same ; afterwards the *Quomodo*, the waies and parties, by which our exercise may best be reard be and perfected; and lastly the *Quid*, namely the milice the discipline it self. For the *Quando* therefore, tis bipartite, of a double nature and situation ; the first *interim* distractedly scattering over al our summer, into such a deale of void and idle roome, as may necessarily require some further imployment: The second though of an individual residence, is yet inferiorly taken up also like the former, but a bagge of counters instead of coynge: for who shall generally survey the yeare, will find that nature when freely ministring her horn of store, and now luxuriantly promising the fork, the sith, and other furniture of *Ceres* ; imparts withall such a kind of relaxtion, that then we practice the preachers time of gathering stones, mending thus two gaps with the same bush ; and by cleansing our tilt, repayingr our high-wayes ; and now in this time of dust and double dayes, may we likewise generally summe up, and regulate our matter of armes ; which if done in dirt (all accounts being taken) will spend a noble, where we should take an angel ; the musters, and even our discipline entire, may be fully repeated (I say) in this season, without any great clashing upon our business. other

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Mickle-W. Yet when weighing wel such a throng of difficulties, as the view and laying of armes ; and persons, with their manifold disputes annexed : likewise a punctual instillation, first of the several postures, then of all other knowledge apertient ; 'tis me thinkes a world of worke, nor to be contracted into such a little necke of time, as between Easter terme, and that of Hillary ; the thing which so confidently you seeme to aime at.

Mille-T. Take me but with you Sir, and then our souldier must not here at the maine of our musters, be taken for an *Abecedarius*, meerly of the lowest forme ; but one before and thoroughly instructed, the primary roots and rudiments, being to be persited upon the bye, and in the first *interim*, so lately hynted ; namely, upon our holy, I had almost said hollow daies ; their number from *Shrove-Munday* to *Michaelmasse* (these two inclusively taken) amounts to seventeene, and being thus imploy'd, wil magnifie the whole year with strength and reputation. Vpon these we may descend into paticular postures, and even the smallest quillets ; ascending againe as articulately to the severall motions and waies of skirmishing : insomuch that presupposing an aweful hand upon all defects, both of trime and person, with the reducement of our ponderous companies into maniples ; and then the souldier in our holy-dayes *interim* thus prepared, (all which will prevent both losse of time, and circuit of action) we shall finde also that the *Quantum* and extent of our *Whispon-Vocation*

cation lately questiond, is yet of sufficient capacity, and the cloth becomes large enough for the Coate. Then for the *Quomodo*; the meanes and parties fittest to mannage this affaïre, and drive the naile home: If the Commissary, Muster-master, or what you please to call him, having a burthen-some extended Province, may perhaps suffer under it; not being in his single person, susceptible of such a manifold imployment; yet presupposing severall centuries (both in respect of skirmish and dispatch) daily convented to the same *Rendevous*, why may not the cure be wrought by deputie: and since wee have in every County some such Pensioners, as receiving good exhibition, may bee challeng'd of proportionable service: since, I say, wee finde of these, so many, either not maimed, or not Souldiers, or perhaps neither; such as feare no poundage, breaking over into every Pasture, and to the very Teeth of the Statute thus defrauding it; why should we not rather bring these to the test, and letting all baser mettle flie, introduce that of legall and preheminent allay, furnishing all our pensions impartially; and then 10l. *per annum* (which some of these attaine to) will engage and fasten such, as being quadrate with the statute, may likewise bee so serviceable to the Country, that here a wedge may bee provided for every knot; here the Muster-master bee fitted with inferiour Officers for our holy-dayes exercise; here surrogate Lievtenants, expediting the view of

Armes, and bodies, his own eye being interimly within distance: here upon any imprests, we may likewise have conductors, well and ready rigg'd for transportation; finally, if at any time we be foreinely attempted, these also, as martial graduates nor subject to the panick feares of *Tom Tyro*, will execute with confidence, imboldning us to put home the speculations wee continually are train'd in. Neither must wee take a maim in the severe literall sence, and for a downe-right, an entire disabling; the Law intends it farre otherwise: insomuch, that a bone taken out of the head, nay, the crooking of a finger; or breaking the fore-teeth, is of this prejudicall construction; yet who knowes not, but a Souldier may performe effectually, notwithstanding these, nay, many rigider disasters: the provision therefore of such knowing *Oblats* (a) will manifoldly bestead us; particularly upon any surcharge, relieve our exercise both with facility and expedition. After which survey of requisite circumstances, we now come at length to the *Quid*, the *Milice* it selfe, for this is likewise full of scarres and blemishes: and among sundry smatterers at armes, Lieutenant *Outappont*'s having scambled up some floating superficiall peeces, yet begins likewise preposterously at the wrong end, blundering roughly into the mayne of his exercise, without any introduction of rudiments; and then againe is his brother *Bragadell* affectedly taken with a new pedanticall dialect, such as may best
advance

(a) These taken strictly, were such maymed souldiers, as had Monks places assigned for their maintenance.

advance his own conundrums, and pirhick daunces, which forsooth he will blanch of with the name of faire overshooting; but tell me bonny Bragadell, does not the steed that over-reaches disservice both himselfe and his master; and why should'st thou thus impertinently buz about the Butt, when to cleave the pin only wins the prize? to speake directly, why doe wee not rather impugne these, by provision of some orderly particulars? And since our Scholers will relate *via regia* and *via militaris*, for one and the same indivisible, thus inferring their mutuall interest and dependance, might it please authority to take so pressing a concernment thoroughly to heart, and by consulting some old experient commanders, to prescribe such a discipline as might square best with the qualitie and situation of our countrie; and precisely presse it upon our observation, without giving line to the many late extravagancies; we should both fully be directed in all convenient scruples and punctualities; and what at first was but violent, artificiall, and impos'd; with a continuall inculcation of the same important pieces, would at length become habituall, even a very through-pace. And now, as a corollarie to the generall; since one and the same party, taking him according to this modell, and the constitution of our country, is of such a ferious, such a manifold imployment; sometime assistant to the Captaine, in his holy-dayes exercise, commanding in chiefe himselfe; some-

time descending like a Sergeant to minister the particular postures; in the view of armes and bodies, becoming a Muster-master; and the generall charge of discipline and ammunition, a Sergeant-major: in contemplation I say, of all these severall and important faculties to be demanded of the same person; and how much a competent number of reall souldiers may bestead us upon invasion; let me here implead all such; as either by hook the mony-bagg; or some crooked adulation, intrude upon our Military places: for so familiarly are the keyes even of our frontire, by this leger-demaine imbezeled; that one of them has lately beene at a Lawyers girdle, and without incurring any *Quare impedit*; after whom *Mars* was yet againe prevented, *Vortumnus* (a) practising with such artifice, that his minister the Merchant, had quickly finger'd it, and his linstock was (no doubt) of as dreadfull a *facies*, as pertinent a *randome* as his predecessors. I might still proceed in detecting many more of these castle-creepers, of sufficient inexperience to deliver up the coast; but the center of our *Britaine* is likewise so strangely culpable, that I leave the circumference: our Vpland preferments are I say, as familiarly purloyn'd as the former, the heart it selfe being often served with thumbs, instead of fingers; with such as breaking over all bounders, all distinctions; will blunder into any fortune, at any rate; and where *Phylagathus* does first

(a) The God of merchandise, *Saunders*; now the bank-rout.

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first examine whether he be in *Villicatione sua*; and then seeke to manage it, both to the satisfaction of his country and his conscience; if this Captaine *Cut-pudding* can but with his facility, and implicate obedience, so fasten a party, that he may strike the revenue, *abunde satisfecit officio suo*. Here therefore must I likewise appeale all these defeisors, roundly soliciting (as we will be true to the good of *Britaine*) that by stripping off their usurpation, and reducing (a) *Antiphon* to his plea, and *Ardelio* to his shop; the martialist may no longer droope and dwindle out, but again be comforted in the warmth; the strength, the pitch of his appropriate feathers.

(a) The first
Lawyer that
rooke fee.
Amimus
Marcellinus
lib. 30. cap. 5.

Penny-W. How our great clarkes and politicks may be led, I know not, but with any plaine capacity, your reasons should me-thinks be prevalent; and hold enough water.

Mickle-W. Even so much *Penny-Wife*, that I dare undersigne their approbation. This officer (according to the former draught) is indeed to quicken many severall wheels; inferring both knowledge, labor, and expence; which should likewise presuppose all encouragement, all his rights inviolable, setting him off which some requisite luster: nay, to raise the point a note higher, our cavallary (a most important piece) is imposed also upon his care and industry; concerning which, if *Mille-Toyle*, you still proceed, discussing also the particulars, it will more affectionately confirm us yours, still endear you farther,
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into the publike acception.

Mille-T. After this of our infanterie, 'tis most true, that I should now come to the brandling wings; for though those elevated hands of *Moses* and *Elijah*, are indeed the principall horse-men, chariots of *Israel*; yet the great Lord of Hosts has also chosen so to worke by meanes and rules, impos'd upon our practice; that a remarkable cavallary may well be counted the doore of hope; which infersthe reformation, of our own, in many severall particulars; but see the Sun is now ascended his meridian, and I must dismisse these till some other time.

Penny-W. Nor improperly; since me-thinkes this piercing aire, does eagerly solicit, what the Butler also now determines of, harke, harke, his empty vessells sound it dinner time.

Mickle-W. A motive so considerable, that your *French-man* will as metonymically professe his food his *rivers*, as our English will his land his living; howsoever, could the losse, even of the daintiest meale, give continuance to our discourse, I should esteeme it a rich purchase, and at a cheape rate.

Mille-T. Good Sir pardon me, while I was mine own, I was yours, but for this afternoone I have past my selfe to some other freinds.

Mickle-W. Come then, *Allons*, our horse at the next meeting: I, I, your promise must be payd for.

Still-T. Very willingly Sir; for though among these

these, there likewise are manifold eye-sores to be specified; so that with the Prophet, I must still become a man of contentions; (a) yet for the truths sake will I not hold my peace: and indeed me-thinks the men might endure a naked examination, as well as their furniture; a prescription also of articulate postures would put their practice out to further profit; Then does the disuse of rings and drums prejudicate our troopes, for haggard and unready; but especiall since incussion is in our fire-ginnes cheisty materiall, I must urge against our pistoll bore, as either defective in height, or else in warrant; for if preferring that moderate rate of 36 bullets per pound. we run the hazard of authority; if that of 52 not yet exauthoritated, this againe will weaken violence; both in their severall respects are dangerous, and whether wee may better transgresse with custome, or with reason, is now become the *quare*. Nay, might our horse-musters be transplanted to the beginning of the yeere, and injoin'd about Easter; they would have more of the Sunne and faire weather, wherewithall to hatch our exercise, to guard and guild our furniture; then would there be more time for examination, and perfecting of our repaires; then is the stone horse in his chiefeest pride; and the gelding in his toughest ability, neither being so foggily distemper'd, as to defect the training, for feare of being ma'd, by being made; and then should wee be prepared *à parte ame*, for whatsoever

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soever the yeere might bring forth, when by deterring the service longer, an earely riser may be before hand, and our poverty come suddenly upon us like one that travelleth, our want as powerfully as an armed man(a).

(a) Prov. 6. 11.

Penie-wise

Peny-W. Yet concerning this translation of our musters, mee-thinkes wee should not be so variable, and did the time permit, there might very good cards be urg'd against it; these new projects are so dangerous, that

Mickle.VV. Tush ~~Penie-wise~~, make not such an idoll of antiquity; if the fathers have eaten sower grapes, yet why should the childrens teeth be set on edge? Desist, I say, and let his conclusion be rather applyed to your owne particular, hereafter spurring you up into more foresight and providence.

Peny-Wise. In good time Sir, this is a parting blow indeed.

Mickle.W. Applying of it rightly, you shall finde it such a balme, as will not breake your head. Souldierfarewell

Penie-wise

Mill-T. Adew-noble Sir; to you likewise ~~Penie-wise~~

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